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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director for

Administration

FROM:

Herbert E. Hetu

Assistant to the Director

(Public Affairs)

SUBJECT:

ABC News Request

- 1. We have a proposal from ABC News (Ted Koppel) to do a clip of about two minutes regarding our handling of FOIA requests, the pressures involved, the cost, etc. The item would be for an evening news show.
- 2. ABC would like to do a few outside shots at the main entrance, a few in the main lobby, and the rest in the offices where the FOIA work is being done. Included would be an interview with Gene Wilson or a representative of his office.
- 3. While such an item would no doubt produce the inevitable increase in FOIA requests from citizens, this would be a good opportunity to point up some of the lesser-known aspectsparticularly the cost to the taxpayer.

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| opportur | nity to | discu | ss the | possib | ilitie | s of | cooper | ration | with | ABC. |

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